

[LOCAL COURT LETTERHEAD]

Administrative Order [year] - [number] J

MULTIPLE PLAN FOR MAGISTRATES

IT IS ORDERED:

This administrative order is issued in accordance with MCL 600.8251; MSA 27A.8251 and MCL 600.8320; MSA 27A.8320 effective February 24, 1994. The purpose of this order is to allow two or more district courts within a county, or two adjoining districts of the first or second class to establish a multiple district plan upon the approval of the State Court Administrative Office.

1. The _____ and _____ District Courts, two adjoining districts of the [first/second] class establish a multiple district area composed of the Counties of _____ and _____.

or

1. The _____ District Courts within the County of _____ establish a multiple district area.

2. All district court magistrates within the multiple district area are authorized to conduct arraignments, set bail or recognizance, provide for the appointment of counsel, make determinations of probable cause and issue warrants for all of the participating districts within the multiple district area.

3. All district court magistrates under this multiple district plan have been appointed under MCL 600.8501; MSA 27A.8501 and nothing in this plan shall grant powers or duties to the district court magistrate that are not authorized by statute or that exceed the authorization of the chief judge of the district in which the district court magistrate is acting.

4. All district court magistrates under this plan are subject to the superintending control of the chief or only district judge of the districts in which the magistrate is serving.

Effective Date:

Date:

Chief Judge Signature:

Date:

Chief Judge Signature:

INSTRUCTIONS for Model 7

1994 PA 5 amended the Revised Judicature Act to allow two or more district courts within a county or two adjoining districts of the first class to establish a multiple district plan in which a district court magistrate is authorized to conduct arraignments, set bail or recognizance, provide for the appointment of counsel, or make determinations of probable cause and issue warrants for all of the participating districts within the multiple district area. For districts consisting of more than one county, the Act provides that the chief or only judge may authorize a magistrate appointed in one county to serve in another county within the district.

Courts choosing to establish Multiple District Plans must submit a Local Administrative Order signed by the chief or only judges of all participating districts. It may authorize a magistrate appointed pursuant to MCL 600.8501 to serve at any location, and on behalf of all participating districts, and shall:

- ! Specify who has superintending control of a magistrate acting under the plan and may include provisions regarding compensation for the magistrate, support staff and use of facilities.
- ! But shall not grant powers or duties to the magistrate that are not authorized by Chapter 85 (MCL 600.8501 et seq.) or exceed the authorization of the chief judge or only judge for whom the magistrate is acting.

For Courts entering a plan including more than two counties, modify the order to include each district court's designation and County.

Because this is a joint order, place a "J" after the LAO sequence number eg: 1994-01J

The multiple district plan must be in writing and be signed by the chief or only judge of **all** participating districts in the multiple district area. The plan may include, but is not limited to, provisions regarding compensation for the district court magistrate, support staff and use of facilities.